Unauthorised hotels in Paharganj and Karol Bagh

1163. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a rapid growth of unauthorised hotels in and around Paharganj/Karol Bagh, New Delhi.

(b) whether it is also a fact that unlawful activities like drug trafficking and immoral traffic are on the rise in these hotels; and

(c) if so, how many unauthorised hotels are operating in Paharganj, Karol Bagh, New Delhi and what steps Government propose to take to curb the activities of these unauthorised hotels in these areas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) There are a number of guest houses/hotels operating in this area without a vaild licence.

(b) No such instance came to the notice of Delhi Police in recent past.

(c) There were as on 1st July, 2000. 265 guest houses/hotels operating without licence in Pahar Ganj/Karol Bagh area. Delhi Police conducts surprise checks of guest houses/hotels at regular intervals to ensure that no illegal activity takes place.

Survey by Central Government on attack against Christians

1164. PROF. M. M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any survey has been conducted by the Central Government in regard to atrocities committed on Christians in Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka and other States during the last two years and till date;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) the number of persons arrested and punished;

(d) the number of cases filed in the courts; and

(e) the effective measures being taken or proposed to be taken to control such type of crimes in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I. D. SWAMI): (a) to (d) No, Sir. However, due to sustained investigations carried out by Central Agencies, and local police, the role of an organization called 'Deendar Anjuman' having links in Pakistan, has been established in the recent bomb blasts in Churches in the States of Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka and Goa.

(e) Although 'Public Order' and 'Police' are State subjects as per the provisions of the Constitution of India, the Central Govt. has issued detailed Guidelines for the Promotion of communal Harmony and National Integration. Intelligence inputs are shared with the concerned State Governments and alert messages and advisories are sent from time to time.

A high-level meeting was convened on 4.7.2000 with the Home Secretaries, DGPs and DG/IG (Intelligence) of the Governments of Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Goa, Gujarat, U.P. and Orissa and the State Govts. were urged to provide protection to the minorities and their institutions and to deal with firmly with the perpetrators of violence against.

The Govt. is committed to safeguarding the interests of the minorities and to deal firmly with the perpetrators of violence against them.